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PROPOSED REPORT ON ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES
FOR WAR OF THE USSR AND ITS SATELLITES

1. The attached memorandum from the Joint Intelligence Committee recommends the preparation of a basic document on the economic capabilities of the USSR and its Satellites to support a war.

2. It is recommended that this study be undertaken through the Economic Intelligence Committee.

JAMES Q. REBER
Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Subject: Economic Capabilities for War of the USSR
and its Satellites

Reference: CIA Memorandum 181, 10 February 1950

1. The Joint Intelligence Committee considers it necessary to have in existence a basic document containing information on the economic capabilities of the USSR and its Satellites to support a war. It should show the over-all productive capacities and the estimated allocations of basic materials and industrial production to the civilian and military economies. It is felt that such fundamental information is so essential to the effective solution of current intelligence problems that an effort should be made to assemble these data as soon as practicable. It is hoped that such a document can be made a continuing study with periodic revisions.

2. Inasmuch as the character and scope of such an estimate is properly within the purview of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, it is requested that this Committee undertake the production of a document along the lines of the reference. It is proposed that this study should be made in three parts: the first part examining the problem on the assumption that war commences on 1 July 1952; the second part that war commences on 1 July 1954; and the third part considering the economy under peacetime ("cold war") conditions for the years 1952-53-54. The first part should be completed by 1 February 1952. It is suggested also that, in addition to covering the fields of steel, aluminum, petroleum and electric power, the scope of the new publication be broadened to include as many of the following areas as practicable: copper, rubber, other important non-ferrous metals, production of electronic equipment, shipbuilding capacities and transportation facilities of all types. Information as to nature and availability of stockpiles should also be indicated.

3. The Service intelligence agencies will be prepared to provide their individual estimates of peacetime and wartime military production

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requirements for integration in the final compilation of the document. In connection with the problems of assumptions and criteria, members of the Service intelligence agencies will coordinate informally among themselves and with other Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies. It is suggested that the Joint Intelligence Group (Red Team) act in a liaison capacity to assist in this project.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

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Secretary

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